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In re Application of: Mark Schaepkens : Group Art Unit: 1762  
Serial No.: 10/655,350 : Examiner: Stouffer, Kelly M.  
Filed: September 5, 2003 : Confirmation No.: 7026  
For REPLACEABLE PLATE EXPANDED THERMAL PLASMA APPARATUS  
AND METHOD

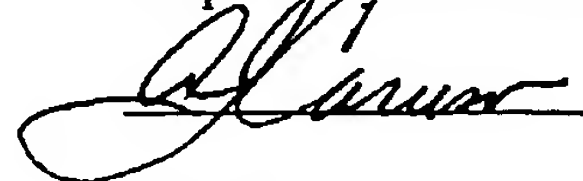
**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

On March 5, 2007 the Office mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment requiring that the Abstract be presented on a separate sheet. As required, the Applicants submit herewith a new AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE SPECIFICATION which presents the Abstract on a separate sheet as required by 37 CFR 1.72. Consistent with 37 CFR 1.121, only the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment is provided herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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